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SUBJECT: ROC LOWERS FLAG IN MANILA

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED FINAL CLOSURE OF ROC MISSION IN MANILA AS SCHEDULED ON JULY 7. CHARGE YU PENG HANDED OVER CHANCERY KEYS TO OFFICIAL OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PRESIDED OVER FLAT-LOWERING CEREMONIES. PRESS NOTED THAT THREE "LOW LEVEL" ROC OFFICIALS WILL REMAIN BEHIND TO ASSIST IN TRANSITION TO TRADE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. SIGNED ARTICLE IN "TIME JOURNAL" SPECULATES THAT FIRST LADY'S BROTHER, KOKOY ROMUALDEZ, WILL BE FIRST PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO CHANA. OTHERS NAMED AS POSSIBILITIES (BUT IMPLIED LESS LIKELY) ARE AMBASSADOR TO UN NARCISO REYES AND FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY EULOGIO

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BALAO (NOT IN TOKYO AS HEAD OF REPARATIONS MISSION).

ACCORDING STROY, "PEKING OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR PREFERENCE FOR GOVERNOR ROMUALDEZ BECAUSE OF HIS YEO-MAN'S PERFORMANCE" IN PAVING WAY FOR PEKING VISITS OF FIRST LADY AND PRESIDENT.

3. STORY SAYS IT IS "DOUBTED" THAT PRC WILL MOVE INTO ROC CHANCERY ON ROXAS BOULEVARD, ADDING IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER PRC MISSION WILL REQUIRE LOCAL CHINESE ALIENS TO TAKE "NEW OATH OF ALLEGIANCE."

4. COMMENT: "LIKOEY" ROMUALDEZ HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN LEADING COCKTAIL CIRCUIT CANDIDATE FOR MANILA'S ENVOY TO PEKING, DESPITE REPORTS AT TIME OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT THAT HE (LIKE OTHER FILIPINOS IN PARTY) FOUND PEKING ATMOSPHERE DEPRESSINGLY AUSTERE AND WANTED NO PART OF AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENT. "TIMES JOURNAL" STORY CONTAINS ENOUGH MISINFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNITY TO MAKE ITS RELIABILITY SUSPECT. PURNELL

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